AN ACT

relating to a microchip scan of animals in the custody of an animal
shelter or releasing agency, including an animal rescue
organization.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 823, Health and Safety Code, is amended
by adding Section 823.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 823.004. MICROCHIP SCAN REQUIRED. As soon as
practicable after an animal is placed in the custody of an animal
shelter or a releasing agency as defined by Section 828.001,
including an animal rescue organization, the shelter, agency, or
organization shall scan the animal to determine whether a microchip
is implanted in the animal.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.
H.B. No. 604

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 604 was passed by the House on April 14, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 604 was passed by the Senate on May 13, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: ________________________

Date

Governor